

COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT (CZM)

The Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 established a review process for federally funded projects, which are located in an identified Coastal Zone Management (CZM) Area. The purpose of this review was to insure that proposed projects are consistent with the policies of the state and local CZM land use plans that have been prepared for these areas. The regulations required that a “Coastal Consistency Determination” be obtained from the state for each project in conformance with State procedures. The state should be contacted with any questions about whether a project is located in a CZM area or in the proper procedures to follow to obtain their clearance. A copy of the state’s Coastal Project Questionnaire (CPQ) has been included in the Alaskan Guide. This packet briefly outlines the process that needs to be followed in order to obtain a consistency determination and includes the necessary forms and contacts to complete this CZM review process.

Threshold for Review: Currently the State of Alaska does not have a Coastal Zone Management Plan. Projects are not subject to this requirement.